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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 26th/November, through Sunday, 3rd/December there were 231 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, VU7, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YU6, YV, Z2, Z3, Z7, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5A7A NOW QRT

The 5A7A DXpedition went QRT early November 29th. According to the online log (December 3rd), this operation netted just over 112k QSOs. A complete band/mode

breakdowns of QSOs are available at:

http://www.df3cb.com/logsearch/5a7a/

8P, BARBADOS

Dean, 8P6SH, will be active in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (December 9-10th) as a Single-Op/SSB/High-Power entry. He is also expected to be active in the CQWW RTTY WPX Contest (February 10-11th) as a Single- Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL both activites via KU9C.

ANTARTIC TRIPS PLANNED

A group of four American hams are planning a few deep south expeditions which includes stops in the Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands. Operators Marc/K9PET (VP8DJU), Jim/W3ASA (VP8DJV), Bill/W3WKO (VP8DKD) and David/W3WKP (VP8DKG) are scheduled to be at the following locations:

February 11th - Depart Ushuaia, Argentina
February 14-17th - Antarctica (KC4)
February 19th - South Orkney (VP8)
February 22-25th - South Georgia (VP8)
February 28th-March 2nd - Port Stanley, Falkland Islands (VP8)
March 4th - Return to Ushuaia.

The operators, when in the Antarctica, will use their homecall/KC4. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters, CW, SSB and PSK from all locations. For updates, check the Casual DX Web page at:

http://www.casualdx.com/

C6, BAHAMAS

Operators Janet/W8CAA, Jim/K8FL, Phil/W9IXX/C6AXX and Joe/W8GEX/C6DX will be active from Eleuthera (NA-001), December 5-13th. Activity will be on all bands and modes with two stations (one HF and the other on 50125 kHz). QSL C6DX via W8GEX and C6AXX via W9IXX.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Operators Edu/EA8AUW and Juha/OH9MM will be active from URE Las Palmas Section as EF8A during the ARRL 10 Meters Contest (December 9-10th) as a Multi-Op/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. Edu informs OPDX that the special EF8 prefix is NOT "usually" used on the CW mode. Also, the callsign EF8A is a special callsign from EA8, and a single letter suffix is NOT "usually" used. QSL via EA8AUW.

"HELLO"....100 YEARS OF VOICE OVER RADIO WORLDWIDE

To commemorate Canadian experimenter Reginald Fessenden's Christmas Eve broadcast of 1906 - Patty Martin, W5AZO, is making available a free music download of "O Holy Night". Holding the distinction of being the very first carol to be played over the radio, Fessenden himself played this song on the violin and then sang the last verse during the historic radio program. "O Holy Night" (written by Placide Cappeau in 1847) performed by Patty Martin can be found at:

http://www.w5azn.com/christmas_lights.htm

For more details about "Hello... Celebrating 100 years of Voice Over Radio Worldwide", visit the Web pages:

http://www.hello-radio.org/

Special event stations will be active during December 29-30th (2000-2000z). Details and list of stations available at:

http://www.hello-radio.org/event/

IOTA NEWS

AS-126. (Update) An International group of operators, namely Champ/E21EIC (Team leader), Dej/E21YDP, Nopporn/HS0EHF, Bruce/AA4XR/HS0ZCY and Alex/UT5UY will operate mainly as E21EIC/P from one of the most wanted Thailand IOTAs - **Lipe Island**, in the Malay Peninsula South West Group, between December 8-13th. Also, operators will use their own Thai callsigns. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB and the digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns.

EU-075. Operators Steve/G4EDG and Jeff/G4ELZ will be active as SV8/G4EDG/P and SV8/G4ELZ/P, respectively, from **Aegina Island**, December 4-10th. Activity will be CW only. QSL direct only with return postage. Logs will also be uploaded to LoTW ASAP. QSL via G4ELZ **(QRZ.com)**.

NA-062. Operators from the C6ARI team (see **OPDX.783** and **OPDX.784**) will activate **Key West** as W4/homecall between December 29th and January 2nd (2007), before their **Cay Sal Bank** (**NA-219**), Bahamas, operation, January 3-9th (2007). Operators are Rene/DL2JRM, Bodo/DL3OCH, Dan/DL5SE and Daniel/DL5YWM. It is also planned to activate some lighthouses for the ARLHS and islands which counts for the U.S. Island Award (USI). QSL via their home callsigns.

SA-050. Oscar, LU1XS, will be active as CE8/LU1XS from **Navarino Islands**, December 8-10th. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters CW only. QSL via LU1XS **(QRZ.com)** or LoTW.

J6, ST. LUCIA (NA-118)

Oleh, KD7WPJ, will be active as J6/KD7WPJ between December 21-27th. Activity will probably be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY/NEWS

Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party will be held between December 16th and January 1st (2007). More details about awards, certificates, prizes and rules for the ARLHS 2006 Lighhouse Christmas Lights QSO Party (LCL 2006) are available on the following Web page at:

http://arlhs.com/LCL-2006-guidelines.html

Members of the Texas Lighthouse Radio Society will activate their club station W5TLH from the **Kemah Texas Lighthouse** (ARLHS Number Pending; Texas' Newest Lighthouse!) on December 27th (19002300z) and December 28th (15002100z). Suggested SSB frequencies are: 21240, 14260 and 7260 kHz. The Kemah Lighthouse, completed earlier this year, stands at 144 feet (the tallest in Texas) and is topped by a 3rd order rotating lens. It is reported that the 1000

watt light can be seen for 23 miles. QSL direct to W5TLH, c/o Jim Martin, 637 Newberry Dr., Richardson, TX 75080-5622. For a QSL card use a #10 business size return envelope (SASE). For a QSL card and an unfolded certificate send a 9" x 12" return envelope (SASE). More details available at:

http://www.w5azn.com

E-mail: **w5azn@arrl.net**

In conjunction with the "Hello... Celebrating 100 years of Voice Over Radio Worldwide", the Texas Lighthouse Radio Society (W5TLH) will also be activating the **Lydia Ann Channel Lighthouse** (USA 018) near Port Aransas, Texas, December 30th (1500-2000z). Suggested SSB frequencies are: 21240, 14260 and 7260 kHz. The U.S. Lighthouse Service established a radio beacon at this location in 1928. Built in 1857, it is now privately owned by the family of HEB grocery fame. Web link at:

http://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=158

QSL direct to W5TLH (see details above).

Operators Chris/K8QV, Jim/N4AAC, Rick/KG4MRH, Tracy/KG4MRG, Mike/N4MAA and Mike/AI4JD will activate W4A for the first activation of the **Terria Verde Lighthouse** (ARLHS USA-1335) located on Cunningham Key (NA-034, USI FL-284S, Pinellas County), Florida, December 8-11th. Suggested SSB frequencies are: 3875, 7235, 14310 and 21330 kHz. QSL via K8CXM **(QRZ.com)**.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2007. The members of the Texas DX Society are pleased to announce its officers for 2007:

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President:                    Mike Davidson - N5MT
Vice President, Membership:   Steve Smothers - W9DX
Vice President, Programs:     Madison Jones - W5MJ
Secretary/Treasurer:          Keith Dutson - NM5G
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OA, PERU

After finshing the C6ARI (NA-219) DXpedition (see OPDX.783 and **OPDX.784**), Daniel, DL5YWM, will travel to Lima, Peru, on the 12th January. He will be active during his freetime as OA4/DL5YWM until the January 31st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW/SSB. He hopes to activate some IOTAs during his stay there (ed. Did not mention which IOTAs.). QSL via DL5YWM **(QRZ.com)**.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS

Operators Juha/OH1JT, Jouko/OH1RX, Mika/OH2JA and Ari/OH5DX will be active as OH0Z during the CQ 160M CW Contest (January 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via W0MM.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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JE7YSS via 7N4TEN          VP2VVV via K5WW
SA2T   via SM2YIZ          YR8B   via YO8KGA
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7X2EB. Fran, EA7FTR, is now the QSL Manager.

Garth, VE3HO, informs OPDX that he will be handling QSLs for **KH6BK** (Op JA1BK) and **9Y4AA** (Op N6TJ) for the recent November 2006 CQWW DX CW Contest. Visit his Web page for QSLing details at:

http://www.ve3ho.ca/ve3ho/ve3ho-qslmgr.htm

NH6P. Petr, OK1DOT, informs OPDX that as of January 1, 2007, he will become the QSL Manager.

TG9AKH. Petr, OK1DOT, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager.

XV1X. QSL Manager is Petr, OK1DOT, as of December 1, 2006. More details about this station and how to QSL are available at:

http://www.qrz.com/xv1x

Nilay, TA3YJ, informs OPDX that she has sent out the QSL cards for **TA3J, TA3J/0 (AS115), TA3J/3, TA3J/4 (LH), TA3J/60, TC2K4J, YM125ATA, TA3YJ, TA3YJ/4 (LH), YM3ATA, YM3LZ (WPX2000) and YM3LZ (WAE2000)** to the QSL Bureaus of Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom direct November 29, 2006.

SPECIAL EVENT (ISWL)

The International Shortwave League (ISWL) continues with their 60th (Diamond) anniversary celebrations throughout the month of December. December is the "final month" of celebrations. ISWL Life Vice President Pete Rayer states, "We would like to thank everyone who participated in our events throughout 2006, or had QSO's with the special event callsigns. We have had a very successful year. Our thanks also to all the DX Editors around the world, for carrying the news for us. It is very much appreciated." Look for the following to be active this month:

GB60SWL - Saturday, December 16th, the final operation of this callsign will be active for 1 day from "The Naze" at Walton on the Naze, in Essex. Herbie, G6XOU, and the "Essex team" - will be the main operators.

GB6SWL - December 9t-10th. Activity for 2 days from Northampton, in Northamptonshire. David, M0DUU, will be the main operator.

GB6SWL - December 16-17th. Activity for 2 days from Braintree, in Essex. Keith, M0CLO, will be the main operator.

GB6SWL - December 23-25th. Activity for 3 days from Bagulay, in Manchester. Ron, G6BMY, will be the main operator.

GB6SWL - December 26-27th. Activity for 2 days from St. Sampson, in Guernsey. (Channel Islands). Lionel, MU0GSY, will be the main operator.

GB6SWL - December 30-31st. The final operation of this callsign and activity will be for 2 days from Walton on the Naze, in Essex. Herbie, G6XOU, will be the main operator.

The ISWL club callsigns - GX4BJC/A and MX1SWL/A will also be active throughout December. Please note that /A suffixes have been reintroduced in the UK.

The ISWL Awards Program is open to non members for a very small fee to cover postage to any country in the world. Please visit the following Web page for all the details, including QSL information and the Special Diamond Anniversay Awards etc... at:

http://www.iswl.org.uk

TP, FRANCE

Francis, F6FQK, TP2CE Station's Director, informs OPDX that to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (TP2CE), look for special activity to take place between December 8-10th, using the callsign TP20CE. QSL via F5LGF. This will be the last activity with this special callsign. Also, during this activity, a special "20th Anniversary Cup of the Council of Europe" can be won by 5 individuals. More details and rules are available (in 6 languages) at:

http://ewwa.free.fr

Visit the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (CERAC) Web site at:
http://www.coe.int/t/e/tp2ce

UARL-15 AWARD

The Ukrainian Amateur Radio League (UARL) will be celebrating their 15 anniversary with a special commemorative “UARL-15 Award". Having QSOs with stations using the prefixes EM15, EN15 and EO15 during the period between December 15-25th are valid for the award. To earn the award, applicants must complete the following rules:

- European ARS must have QSOs with 15 different EM15, EN15 and EO15 stations (duplicate QSOs are valid ONLY on different bands).

- ARS from other continents must have 15 QSOs with EM15, EN15 and EO15 stations (for this category duplicate contacts are valid on different bands and modes).

QSO with EM15UARL counts as 3 QSOs for European ARS and 5 QSOs for other continents. Award is free of charge and will be sent via the national amateur radio organizations. Those who want to receive the award to home address must enclose postage - C.I.S. and European countries 2 USDs, others - 3 USDs. Applications and postage must be sent before February 15, 2007, to the following address: Vlad Ageyev (UR5WCW), P.O.Box 1856, LVIV 79040, Ukraine. E-mail applications must be send to: **LRU_award@ukr.net**

The stations that will be active during this activity are: EM15F, EM15FHY, EM15P, EM15Q, EM15UARL, EM15UD, EM15UN, EM15V, EM15W, EM15X, EM15Y, EM15Z, EN15U, EO15EK, EO15FA, EO15FF, EO15FT, EO15FW, EO15FY, EO15FAL, EO15IGF, EO15II, EO15IN, EO15IT, EO15MID, EO15NK, EO15NT , EO15PWC, EO15QA, EO15QWX,

EO15QYY, EO15UA, EO15UAP, EO15UN, EO15UQ, EO15UV, EO15WCW, EO15WZ, EO15WZA, EO15YA and EO15YW.

VP9, BERMUDA

Mark, AA1AC, will be operating from the Hamilton Parish, Bermuda, as AA1AC/VP9 from December 9-13th. QSL via to his home callsign, direct or via the bureau.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS

By the time you read this, Jim, VQ9JC/ND9M/KG4JC, will be going QRT and finishing his ship's tour as Radio Officer. He expects to leave Diego Garcia on December 5th for a four month holiday with his XYL in Florida. However, Jim expects to return to VQ9-land in April 2007 for another four-month tour. Jim provides the following to OPDX about his QSLing and his operation for VQ9-land: "All direct mail QSLs received at my Florida QTH as of November 10th have been answered.

My XYL is holding the mail received after that date, and those requests will be answered after I get home. Bureau cards received as of November 10th have also been processed and will be mailed to the Outgoing Bureau prior to leaving the island. (All QSL requests go via the home callsign, ND9M.) Ops need to remember that IRCs referred to as 'Beijing Model 1' will expire at the end of December 2006. QSL requests containing those IRCs that are received too late will be answered by the bureau. (The new design is easily identified by the shiny hologram label on the front and is valid through 2009.)

I've been active from VQ9 for eight months out of the past year, and so far logged 26,000 QSOs. CW accounts for 85%, with SSB at 13%, and 2% were using digital modes. About 40% have been on 20m, 20% were on 15m, and another 20% were split between 30 & 40m. Considering what propagation conditions have been like, I'm quite pleased with the results..... 73, Jim, VQ9JC / ND9M / KG4JC"

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS

Members of the ARSI (Amateur Radio Society of India) have begun their VU7LD activity around 1830z, November 30th, from Kavaratti Island. This operation is expected to be an all Indian national team. According to the press release on their Web page, the first batch of operators consists of: VU2DMP, VU2IZO, VU2GGM, VU2MTT, VU2NKS, VU2NXM, VU2PAI VU2PJP, VU2RCR, VU2RDQ, VU2SWS, VU2VKU, VU3ENB, VU3KKZ and VU3SGS. Operators will sign LU7LD/homecall during this activity. The following are "suggested" frequencies for VU7LD operations:

CW - 1822, 3502, 7002, 10102, 14022, 18072, 21022, 24892 and 28022
SSB - 1845, 3795, 7060, 14260, 18150, 21260, 24940 and 28495
RTTY - 3570, 7035, 10137, 14085, 18100, 21085, 24920 and 28080
PSK - 3580, 7037, 10140, 14071, 18100, 21085, 24920 and 28120
SSTV - 14230 kHz

"The Daily DX" reported on early Sunday morning that there are "three (3) stations up and running. A fourth (4) station will be QRV after 1530Z each day to avoid QRMing the local port. The main three stations all have SteppIR beams. The fourth station has the SteppIR vertical." QSL via W3HNK. For more details and updates, the ARSI Web page is available at:

http://www.arsi.info/vu7/

Online logs will be available soon at:

http://www.arsi.info/vu7/onlinelog.shtml

Also, DXers are suggested to view the K9LA propagation forecast chart for the Lakshadweep Island DXpedition on the VU7LD Web page at:

http://arsi.info/vu7/propagation.html

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
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1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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Unsubscribe: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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